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## **VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW – Lobby Level Washington, DC 20554

Re: Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, May 16, 2018, Colleen Thompson, Robert Vitanza and the undersigned, with AT&T Services, Inc. met with Commissioner Brendan Carr and his wireless advisor, Will Adams, to discuss AT&T's comments filed in this docket.

In particular, we reiterated that the FCC has authority under Section 253 and 332 to set clear guidelines for state, localities and municipalities on fees and timelines associated with small cell deployments. Guidelines would provide certainty for municipalities and carriers and promote investment in broadband deployment. We continued to stress that fees should be cost based and that local jurisdictions cannot discriminate against a wireless facility in the right of way. AT&T applauds the Commission for continuing to fight to put America in the lead for 5G technology. Acting on the items that were addressed in the 2017 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Notice of Inquiry will get us there quicker and help the economy by providing more jobs to more Americans.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed for inclusion in this docket.

Sincerely,

Henry G. Hultquist

CC: Commissioner Brendan Carr Will Adams